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be combined, on the Treasurer's books, with the budget for general purposes of the Association, and that in future all receipts be credited to a single fund and all appropriations be charged against this fund.

*Voted unanimously,* That the Secretary be directed to spread upon the minutes of this meeting and transmit to the Recorder an expression of the sincere regret which is felt by every one of her colleagues on the Executive Board at her enforced absence from this meeting and her own work; to assure her of their hearty pleasure at the hopeful news of rapid recovery, with its promise of speedy resumption of her duties in connection with the Library Journal and with this Board, and to convey to her a very cordial appreciation of the value and faithfulness of her long service to the American Library Association.

#### JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION EXHIBIT

On request of the Committee on Exhibit at the Jamestown Exposition, the Executive Board authorized the appointment of a co-operating committee consisting of the superintendents of children's work in the New York, Brooklyn and Cleveland Public Libraries and in the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, to assist in the collection and installation of the Model Children's Room.

J. I. WYER, JR.,

*Secretary*

#### Membership

It is customary for the Treasurer at the annual conference to include in his report a statement of membership in the Association on the last day of the preceding year. The following table covers the actual paid membership on Dec. 31, 1906, and a comparative statement showing its growth during that year:

	Year ending Dec. 31, 1905	Year ending Dec. 31, 1906
Honorary members . . .	9	8
Perpetual member . . .	1	1
Life fellows . . .	2	2
Life members . . .	45	55
Annual members . . .	1,162	1,696
Library members . . .	34	82
	<hr/> 1,253	<hr/> 1,844

These figures show a gain in membership of 591 during the twelve months ending Dec. 31, 1906. Particular attention is directed to the large increase in library membership during that period.

While our added membership is very gratifying, it should but serve as a stimulus to each member of the Association to that personal effort which shall secure a still further increase, to the end that the Treasurer may announce in January, 1908, that the Association has a membership consisting of not less than 3,000 annual members and of not less than 250 library members.

#### Will you help?

This can easily be accomplished if each present member, *retaining* his own membership in the Association, will but assume the obligation of securing one additional member. There is not a single one of us but has one friend at least who would gladly join our ranks if earnestly approached. Again, it is safe to say that a large majority of the libraries represented in the membership of the A. L. A. could be easily induced to become annual subscribing members if only the librarians would but place the matter before their trustees in the proper light and with enthusiasm.

#### Annual Bills

It has been the custom to send bills on the first of January covering the annual dues. This has not been done this year because the administration, desiring to materially reduce the annual outlay for postage, has determined to ask the members to help them in making the experiment successful. The expense incurred each year in reaching our members in connection with the annual bills, the preparation for the annual conference and other matters has grown to a large sum. It is proposed to use the pages of this Bulletin for all such announcements, and the members are asked to give their hearty cooperation in carrying out the plan as above outlined. Let each of us, recognizing the earnestness of our executive officers in their desire to increase the mem-